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Joint Committee and Planning and development Legislative Office Building 300 Capital Avenue Hartford, CT. 06106

Re: SB 556 – An Act Concerning Additional Compensation for Certain Retired Public Safety Employees

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of SB 556, An Act Concerning Additional Compensation for Certain retired Public Safety Employees. I believe this legislation will allow local municipalities to provide additional resources to those public safety employees who have been seriously injured in the line of duty. This is important legislation, as those impacted have dedicated their lives to the protection of their community, and having been seriously injured in the course of their duties, this bill would allow the local municipality to provide for the injured officer and his/her family. Having one of our officers seriously injured in the line of duty and unable to return to duty, I can see firsthand the positive impact this bill would have. I believe it is important for local municipalities and the State of Connecticut to fully support its first responders. I urge its passing.

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Chief of Police



